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AIRMAIL

Since the last issue, subscriptions continue to come in, including one from the Imperial War Museum! We are glad that people are writing to us with information about their organisations and activities, including international correspondents. Many thanks to Katherine Laundry of the Canadian Librarians for Peace and Security for her letter and to Sanford Berman, Head Cataloguer at Hennepin County Library, Minnesota (who is co-editor of Alternative Library Literature in the US) for the information sent "in solidarity". Also thanks to Wendy Ashby for her article.

We think that AIR is establishing a good profile through our personal connections and other channels. We intend to build on this so that AIR is widely recognised as the place to go for those interested in the interface between peace & information issues.

PS. Anyone out there with a Personal Computer they don't need or know of one ?? IBM compatible would be ideal.

We need one (and a lap-top) desperately to help with production.



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RESOURCES

MULTIRACIAL CHILDRENS' BOOKS

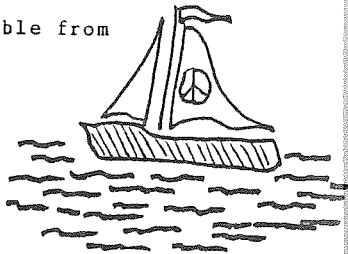
Harmony is an organisation committed "to working to challenge and transform the racism of British society," and which "encourages individual members to challenge racism and to make a personal commitment to live and work in an anti-racist multi-cultural way."

The East London group of Harmony have produced two multi-racial children's books and resources lists. The first of these is "Under Fives and Infants" which includes three pages of jigsaws that are available, together with a listing of multiracial books for young children. Most importantly the list contains a two page section of multiracial books that should not be bought, and the reasons why not.

The second list is Resources which contains listings of multi-cultural bookshops in London, resources available from suppliers manufacturers and useful organisations.

Both of the above lists contain a 'Racism Checklist' which gives ideas about how books might be viewed for content. For example, is the history of a people presented from their perspective or that of the European conqueror?

Both of these lists cost £1.00 each and are available from
East London Harmony
4 Rectory Rd
London E17



HUMAN RESOURCES.

When the idea of setting up L.W.P.M. was first conceived, it was envisaged that L.W.P.M. might be, in part, a network of librarians & information workers who would be willing to help various peace movement groups and organisations with their specialist information needs.

Much of this work could at best be described as either filing, weeding files for archiving, or scanning various documents or periodicals. There is still a very great need for regular volunteers to do this work, or to help with one-off projects, be it in catching up with back-logs, or in setting up specific projects.

If your organisation has the need for such help as described above, or are willing to help out, then please let us know. There is also a need for individuals who can help and advise with database problems too.

We hope to be able to build up a list of organisations and individuals that might be interested in the above idea - All groups, organisations, & individuals whom might be interested in taking part in this initiative should contact us at L.W.P.M. c/o 6 Endsleigh St, London W.C.1.

HOUSMANS

5 Caledonian Road, LONDON N1

Housmans Bookshop in Caledonian Road N1 is not an imposing place at first glance. Yet it is an important peace movement institution & publisher.

Housmans is named after Laurence Housman, who was a famous pacifist during World War II. The bookshop is an offshoot of the Pacifist journal "Peace News".

Housmans is also an associate of the War Resisters International Federation of Radical Booksellers, National Peace Council and Sponsor of the Campaign against the Arms Trade. (We hope to cover publishing aspects of all these bodies in future issues of AIR).

The following reviews are about some of Housmans contribution to peace over the years:

HOUSMANS PEACE DIARY

Now into its 1991 & 38th edition! This is more than a diary - its a directory of some 2000 peace organisations worldwide. It is divided into 3 parts - International peace organisations, National listings and a regional list for Great Britain. The diary also has a theme and this year's is "The Earth - Our Common Home", with contributions by well known peace activists throughout the world. The diary is illustrated by Cliff Harper and has various anniversaries noted throughout. This year it is published on green recycled paper.

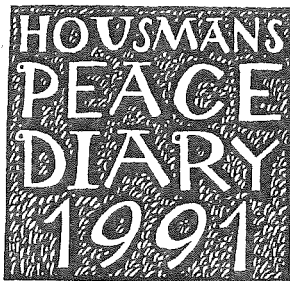
As a serial work and book, the diary has an ISSN and two ISBN's! One for the filofax version.

ISBN 0 85283 217 6 Bound £4.95
0 85283 223 0 Loose leaf £5.95

ISSN 0957 0136

(For bulk & postage rates write for details)

BIBLIOGRAPHIES



Hyatt, John. (Compiler). PACIFISM a selected bibliography.

Housmans. London. 1972. 52 pages.

Sadly, this bibliography has been out of print for some while now, but it does contain many references to books which have an historical importance. The bibliography is in two sections: Pacifist history, and Pacifist ideas, and would be of particular use to those interested in researching British Pacifist history, especially during the first half of this century. The bibliography is fully annotated too.

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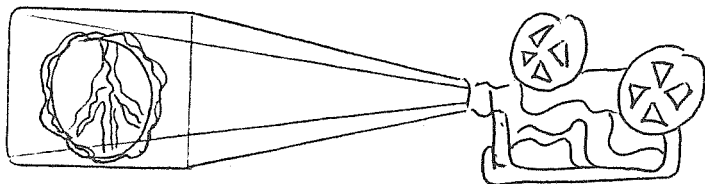
NON-VIOLENT ACTION : A SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Carter, April	Housmans
Hoggett, David	1970
Roberts, Adam	83p

This is a very comprehensive bibliography. It is divided into its main sections by the methods of Non-Violent Action. Examples of their use are sub-divided by campaigns or place & time. There are also more theoretical sections.

The authors are worth noting. April Carter being a scholar and former activist in the Direct Action Committee in the period 1958-61, and later in other N.V. campaigns. Adam Roberts is a well known academic on civilian defence. David Hoggett was the first librarian of the Commonwealth Collection (an important peace library).

For quantity and quality of data, this is a work well worth having. A few copies are still available remaindered at Housmans.



CONCORDE VIDEO & FILM COUNCIL CATALOGUE 1989-1991

Concorde address is: 201 Felixstowe Road, Ipswich, SUFFOLK, IP3 9BJ. Tel: (0473) 726012.

Concorde started in 1959. The catalogue "covers documentaries, animated films and feature-length productions concerned with contemporary issues, both at home and abroad." Concorde has its own library films but also distributes videos and films for over 350 other organisations. Videos are primarily for hire and/or sale from Concorde.

Videos and films are in alphabetical order and the subject-index at the back is fully cross-referenced. To give an example of the catalogue's coverage, Human Rights says 'SEE ALSO WOMEN'S RIGHTS'. This subject area is subdivided into 11 subareas such as 'AFRICA'; 'CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA'; 'IN GREAT BRITAIN' etc. 38 films in total are given in this section. Other subject areas in the catalogue include 'Alternative Medicine'; 'Alternative Technology'; 'Development Education & World Poverty' 'Peace Education' etc.

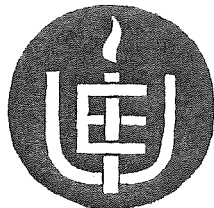
UNITED NATIONS DOCUMENTATION.

The U.N. Dag Hammarskjöld Library in New York have produced several Bibliographical lists - For example, Document ST/LIB/36/Rev6 - may 1988, which lists selective bibliographies produced between 1949 & 1987. This work covers such topics as Human rights, treaties, sanctions, military expenditure, nuclear explosions, and outer space.

The U.N. secretariat document ST/LIB/12/Rev8 - 20 April 1990 lists those libraries throughout the world where U.N. materials are on deposit, and open for public inspection. This list of libraries covers some 29 pages; in Britain alone some 15 such libraries exist.

The above mentioned bibliographies, and other U.N. materials may be consulted at the United Nations Information Centre, 20 Buckingham Gate, London, S.W.1. E 6LB.

They have free copies of many UN materials.



TEACHING RESOURCES FOR EDUCATION IN INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING JUSTICE & PEACE

Compiled by Anne Brewer. Published by the Marc Goldstein Memorial Trust. 2nd Ed 1988. 1989 Supplement and update sheets. Available from the Council for Education in World Citizenship (CEWC), Seymour Mews House, Seymour Mews, LONDON W1H 9PE. Tel: 071-935 1752 at £3 (inc. 1989 Supplement and 1990 updates). £1 for members of CEWC who run a membership scheme for schools.

'Teaching Resources' is a wonderful resource - one of the very best reference works I used at the National Peace Council and the most comprehensive I know on British Peace Resources. Both 2nd edition and supplement have eight sections including 'Organisations'; 'Background reading'; 'Audio-visual, display and computing resources' 'Development issues, the UN, the environment, energy', and within each section resources are listed in order of increasing age range. Entries are annotated and include information on Authors, Publishers, Price etc etc. There are many cross-references. Ann writes that she no longer runs a mail order service for resources. "Most of the books are available from Friends Bookcentre, Friends House, Euston Road, LONDON NW1 2BJ, and alternative sources are given in the Catalogue".

Very highly recommended.

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PEACE ACTIVITIES IN DORSET

Dorset-Wise (DW)

The first issue of Dorset-Wise was published in 1988. 'DW' is a directory of Dorset groups and organisations involved with environmental, peace and Third World issues who are aiming to create a better and wiser world. The groups are listed in alphabetical order and each entry includes details about the aims, activities, publications and a contact address and phone number.

It is surprising in this age of information technology which supposedly links the world into a global village, many people still do not realise there is so much positive activity almost on their own door-step; some groups are even unaware of the existence of those other groups in their area with whom they could share a useful relationship and share resources.

I have received much help and encouragement from many peace-minded people in and beyond Dorset and in July 1990 I published the 2nd. and enlarged edition; from now on 'DW' will be up-dated each year, hopefully it will continue to increase in size and popularity.

'DW' costs 45p + 15p postage. 20 copies £6 + 85p postage.

Dorset Peace Council

DPC is an umbrella organisation for the many different peace groups in the county of Dorset. A peace worker publishes the 'Monthly Mailing', gives talks to schools and groups and organises various events including DPC peace festivals and other events.

Christchurch EPI Centre

As from next month DPC will be based in the Christchurch EPI Centre, an Environment and Peace Information centre in Christchurch High Street. EPI Centres are a feature of several towns in New Zealand, I believe Christchurch will be the first town in Britain to open one.

The EPI centre will provide information about all things peaceful, act as a general meeting point where groups and individuals can share information, ideas and resources, and where they can buy books including Dorset-Wise and DPC Monthly Mailing. The EPI centre will open its doors on Wednesday September 19th 1990.

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THE GOOD, THE BAD, & the IDIOTIC



"Librarians rank with fishmongers as nice people who pursue an invaluable, but often undervalued," calling. (Weekend Guardian, September 1st 1990).

The British are an unromantic, down-to-earth people in their reading habits. (Guardian, Aug' 20th 1990).



"Look this geezer, Morrissey, what was he, some sort of library assistant or wot? There's only four rules to Rock n Roll - wear leather, ride a Harley Davidson, er... arrive late and break every goddam rule in the grammar book."

Billy Idol, Melody Maker August 11th 1990. (SPOOF)

"Mrs Congdon, a former librarian, was alleged to have had sexual intercourse with up to nine men a day at her home in Southampton"

Guardian August 17th 1990



MORE STRANGE CUTTINGS PURSUING THE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN LIBRARIANS AND SEX IN FUTURE 'THE GOOD, THE BAD, & THE IDIOTIC' !!

FROM THE 'DAILY STAR'

INFO INTERNATIONAL

CANADIAN LIBRARIANS FOR PEACE AND SECURITY.

Action for Peace and Security Interest Group, is a grouping within the Canadian Library Association.

" The following terms of reference were approved by CLA on March 31, 1989:

1. By Informing CLA members of the information in this field especially grey literature and how to locate it;
2. By putting CLA members in touch with all collectors and disseminators of information in this field in order to promote discussion and the sharing of information;
3. By providing a forum for discussions on the role of the library in the field of peace and security issues;
4. By producing reference tools on the subject of peace and security and promotional materials for use in the library. "

Katherine Laundry, Convenor for IFP & SIG writes to AIR: "In the past we have provided workshops at the annual CLA conference. One was on reference sources in the field, and one was a panel discussion with a librarian, a peace activist and a representative of the military giving their views on the role the public library should play in disseminating information on issues of peace and security. Next year our workshop will be about the environment as a security issue."

Action for Peace and Security Interest Group,
Canadian Library Association,

360 Albert, Suite 900, Ottawa, Ontario, K1R 7X7, Canada.

DANISH PEACE BIBLIOGRAPHY.

TERP, Holger. FRED PAA TRYK.

Forlaget LUP. Denmark. 1989. 236 Pages. ISBN 87 983001. 165 DK Kroner.

The subtitle of this work translates as: a bibliography on Danish Peace and Security Politics Literature. The bibliography is in 7 parts. The first two sections are on Danish peace literature from 1881 to 1960, and from 1960 to 1988. This second (and largest) section is in turn subdivided into 14 parts including: NATO and the Warsaw Pact: Danish Security politics: etc. The third section deals with periodicals published in Denmark between 1882 and 1988. Remaining sections consist of sources of information and indices.

Although this bibliography is published in Danish, it is a worthwhile bibliographical tool just for the listing of specialist Danish Libraries and journals alone.

M.L.

A CITY BASED ON INFORMATION

Kawasaki in Japan is to be the world's first information city. It will be designed to reduce pollution and protect the natural environment. City dwellers will have easy access to water, trees and wildlife. The city will be built to enhance communication on a personal level. There will be a city information network, and each home will have a computer. Electronic postal and library services will be available in the home. Services will account for 80% of jobs and 70% of the population will work from home. "Kawasaki presents a vision of the future" - Rashmi Mayur, Director of the Urban Development Institute in Bombay, India. (His team won the commission to plan the city).

DEVELOPMENT FORUM Jan/Feb 88.

